advertisements? Are you working in close cooperation with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting by bringing those advertisements to their notice?

DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS: Sir, so far as the surrogate advertisements are concerned, I totally agree with the hon. Member that it should not be beamed in any television or print media. On this point, I am with all the hon. Members. We are enforcing the Act. In the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, an Additional Secretary is in-charge of the surrogate advertisements. He is monitoring them.

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Sir, I would like to know whether the Health Minister has ever seen that the international companies are still giving their advertisements in the electronic as well as the print media. He has replied very well, but what action has been taken by the Ministry of Health? Have they given any notice to the international companies?

DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS: Sir, regarding this, I have written to all the Chief Ministers to enforce this Act stringently. I have also written to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Railways and other Ministries. I also want to enforce this Act seriously. Steps have already been taken on the lines suggested by hon. Member, Shri Anand Sharma. And, a Screening Committee would be set up to look into this matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTION

Production of sugar

†*161. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar in the country during 2003-04 and to what extent this is less in comparison to last year's production;

(b) whether Government propose to import sugar keeping in view the less production of sugar; if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production for striking a balance between consumption of sugar and the prices?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMAR AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The estimated production of sugar in the country during current year season 2003-04 (Oct.-Sept.) is 138.00 lakh tonnes as against estimated production of 201.00 lakh tonnes during the sugar season 2002-03.

(b) and (c) In view of adequate stock of sugar in the country in 2003-04 (sugar season) for domestic consumption, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Committee on climate change

*171. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would constitute a Committee of experts on the question of climate change and determine firmly India's position on this crucial question; and

(b) if so, by when Government would constitute such a Committee?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Sir, the Government has already constituted a Standing Core Group on Climate Change in July, 2002 which consists of representatives from concerned Ministries and experts in different relevant disciplines to advise on issues which come up for negotiations in International Climate Change fora.

Transfer of research benefits to farmers

†*174. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

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